

When writing a 102:

Cut and paste the claims into your office action.

CAUTION: You must take into account any preliminary amendments.

If you copy from PG-Pub you must double-check with the original copy of the claims in EDAN.

- 1) Point to figures and reference numerals depicting the claimed feature, if available, AND
- 2) Directly quote a section of the reference that reads on the claimed element.
- 3) If not immediately clear from the quote or figure, provide a brief explanation in your own words as to how the reference teaches the claimed element.

When writing a 103:

All 103 rejections will have at least 4 paragraphs. Write the rejection using the following format:

- 1) First paragraph of rejection - Explain what the primary reference teaches. Address all of the claimed elements that are taught by the primary reference.
- 2) Second paragraph of the rejection - Explain what the primary reference does not teach (the differences).
- 3) Third paragraph of the rejection - Address field of endeavor/problem solving area of the secondary reference, and explain how and where the secondary reference teaches the differences.
- 4) Fourth paragraph of the rejection - Address the combination and motivation. That is, explain how the primary reference is supplemented/modified according to the secondary teaching, and then address the motivation for the combination.